alia, include Suspension Agreement on HR coils, Safeguard Action initiated by US Administration under Section 201 of the US Trade Act and initiative pertaining to the Multilateral Steel Agreement proposed by the US Administration.

The delegation held wide ranging discussions with a large number of policy makers, Congressmen, US Department of Commerce, US Trade Representative etc. and was able to project its major areas of concern and also gain an insight into the likely trend of US trade policy with regard to steel. However, the negotiation could not be concluded successfully with regard to the Suspension Agreement on HR coils which was not accepted by the US Administration. There was some understanding, particularly with regard to recent exporters not being excluded from the Market in the event of a quota regime consequent to the remedy phase of Section 201 investigations. The US Administration pointed out that procedure and proof requirement for safeguard action under Section 201 were very stringent and such action would have to withstand very close scrutiny with regard to its justification. The US Administration further indicated that they would be moving towards discussions amongst steel produces as well as amongst governments of important steel producing countries including India, to evolve some solution towards balancing of global supply and demand and orderly conduct of trade in steel.

Production of Iron Ore in A.P.

2109. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the share of Andhra Pradesh in the production of iron ore in the country;

(b) how much iron ore was produced in the State during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) who were the end users of this iron ore; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to increase the production of iron ore in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY) : (a) The share of Andhra Pradesh in the production of iron ore in the country during the year 2000-01 was about 0.5%.

(b) Production of Iron ore in Andhra Pradesh is given below :

Year	Production (quantity in '000 tonnes)
1998-99	318
1999-2000	359
2000-01(P)	362

(P) Provisional

(c) The iron ore in the State is mostly used for pelitisation, sponge iron, ferric oxide and coal washeries. Iron ore produced in Andhra Pradesh is also sold to MMTC for export. The list of end users/consignees is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has recently transferred the mining lease held by Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation in favour of M/s. Kudremukh Iron Ore Project, a central PSU in Karnataka for manufacture of pellets by upgrading the low grade iron ore magnetite deposits.

Statement

The list of end users/consignees of iron ore produced in Andhra Pradesh

1. M/s. India Cements Ltd.
2. M/s. Priya Cements Ltd.
3. M/s. KCP Limited.
4. M/s. Andhra Cements Ltd.
5. M/s. Uma Minerals.
6. M/s. Srinivasa Minerals.
7. M/s. Larsen & Toubro Ltd.
8. M/s. Chirania Industries Ltd.
9. M/s. Jain Minerals.
10. M/s. Kesoram Cement.
11. M/s. S.S. Minerals.
12. M/s. Anjani Portland Cements Ltd.
13. M/s. Zuari Cements Ltd.
14. M/s. South India Cements.
15. M/s. Panyam Cement Industries Ltd.
16. M/s. Kohinoor Cements.
17. M/s. Karthik Minerals.